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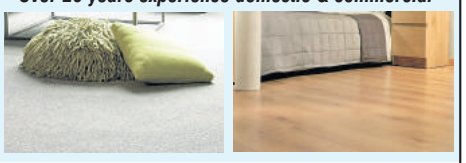
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School wins Gold award for outside learning

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Thomas and Caroline Gaskell who have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary

Platinum couple's winning recipe for wedded bliss

A COUPLE who met while working at a cake factory obviously had the recipe for marital success - having just celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary!

Thomas and Caroline Gaskell, both 94, were just 17 when they first met while working at the former Lavery's Cakes in Burscough in 1940.

The teenagers were parted when Thomas, from Lathom, enlisted in the Royal Navy, while Caroline, who is from Skelmersdale, went to work in a munitions factory in Kirkby. But when the war was over they were reunited again at the cake factory and married at St Paul's Church in Skelmersdale on January 14, 1947.

The couple had a son and a daughter, Graham and Pat, and now have five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Later Thomas worked as a wagon driver while Caroline stayed at home to bring up their children before resuming her cake-making career in Southport.

To mark their platinum milestone a special surprise party was held for the couple with family and friends joining them for a celebratory buffet and drinks at the Richmond Court retirement home in Burscough where they now live.

STORE PLAN FOR HISTORIC PUB SITE GETS GREEN LIGHT

by Danielle Thompson

PLANS to demolish the former Ropers Arms pub to create a new convenience store have been given the green light by West Lancs Council.

The Champion revealed in August that property developer Michael McComb had submitted amended plans to the borough council to knock down the Wigan Road hostelry, which dates from the mid-19th century, and use the site to build a new single-storey Co-operative Food store complete with new 18-space car park.

Proposed opening hours for the 358 square-metre convenience store are 7am to 11pm from Monday to Saturday and 8am to 10pm on Sundays and Banks Holidays, while a 24-hour ATM is planned to be located at the front of the building.

The council's planning committee granted planning permission at their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12.

Above: The Roper's Arms and (right) an artist's impression of the proposed Co-operative Food store

Ten local residents submitted objections to the new development, including concerns about an increase in traffic, insufficient car parking, access issues on to Wigan Road, potential loss of privacy and fears of increased noise, litter and crime.

Members of the New Ormskirk Residents Association also raised concerns over potential noise disturbance from the store and delivery vehicles.

However, five residents submitted comments that were supportive of the plans, saying that the Co-op would be a valuable new asset for local residents, that the pub was no longer needed and was an eyesore and that two derelict pubs on the approach to Ormskirk did not fit its 'historic market town' image.

The plans which have been granted were not the first to be suggested by the property developer. In May 2014, RAL Architects Limited submitted plans to turn the former pub into a convenience store and offices and build a new, three-bedroom detached home.

However, more than 100 residents submitted comments to the council and Derby ward councillors David Sudworth, Paul Greenall and Adrian Owens raised concerns about traffic congestion and parking issues and the plans were withdrawn.

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Emergency vehicles pictured at the scene of the accident on the M58

Appeal for witnesses to accident that closed M58 for three hours

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a road traffic accident that led to the closure of a section of the M58 motorway in West Lancashire for three hours on Thursday, January 12.

The incident occurred at about 9.30am when a BMW was involved in a collision with a Fiat Punto between junction 3, the Rainford bypass turn-off and junction 4 the Skelmersdale turn-off.

The Punto left the carriageway and collided with two trees.

A 34-year-old woman from Morecambe suffered multiple hip fractures, a broken leg, a broken arm and stomach injury.

She was taken to Liverpool Hospital for treatment.

The driver of the BMW, a 52-year-old man from Aughton, was uninjured.

Fire fighters from Skelmersdale and the North West Air Ambulance also attended the scene.

Sergeant Adam Dawson of Lancashire Police's road policing unit said: "An investigation is underway to establish how this collision occurred and we would appeal to anyone who witnessed what happened to contact us."

Anyone with information can contact police on 101.

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Deputy headteacher Claire Smith and pupils celebrate their Learning Outside the Classroom Gold Mark

School wins Gold for outside learning

STAFF and pupils at a school in Burscough are celebrating after becoming the first primary school in the North West to be given a gold award for providing meaningful learning outside the classroom.

St John's Catholic Primary School in Chapel Lane has been awarded the Gold Mark by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC), which recognises that pupils have access to frequent, continuous and progressive teaching outside the classroom to support their learning and achievement.

Deputy headteacher, Claire Smith, said: "Being awarded the Gold Mark is a real celebration for all the staff and governors here as it shows that we are working hard to provide our pupils with potentially life-changing opportunities.

"We're thrilled to get official recognition for our efforts and we look forward to building on this award to continue to develop our learning outside the classroom provision."

Councillor raises safety concerns over pressure levels at hospitals

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancs borough councillor Adrian Owens has raised concerns that Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust has been operating at the highest level of pressure over the festive period, which he says could 'compromise patient safety.'

The Our West Lancs Derby ward councillor wrote to the trust to express his fears after viewing the latest NHS England daily Situation Report statistics, which are collected from NHS trusts each weekday during winter to indicate where there are seasonal pressures on services such as A&E closures and diverts or bed pressures.

The chart measures each day's maximum Operational Pressures Escalation Levels (OPEL ratings), from 0 to 4, the maximum rating. These levels can change several times in a single day.

The latest Trusts with Pressure statistics for the Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust, which cover the period from December 1 to January 8, show that although more than two-thirds of the dates show a rating of zero, a shocking 10 days showed an OPEL rating of 3 or more, suggesting that the trust has been operating under a high level of pressure.

A spokesperson for the trust said that this period had been 'extremely busy' and suggested that patients could ease some of the pressure by ensuring that they do not use the accident and emergency services for illnesses and viruses such as coughs, colds, sore throats, upset stomachs, general aches and pains and the flu, which will usually clear up on their own.

The dates which the Trust logged an OPEL rating of 3 for were December 2 to 6; December 13; January 3; January 5 and January 7 and 8; while an OPEL Level 4 was logged for January 4.

Cllr. Owens said: "We read with concern the latest statistics released from NHS England which showed that Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust declared an Operating Pressure Escalation Level of 3 or more on five out of six days between January 3 and January 8. Especially concerning was that on January 4, the trust declared OPEL 4 a level at which there is 'increased potential for patient care and safety to be compromised.'

"We represent the concerns of residents in West Lancashire and as such we are asking what steps have been taken to address this very concerning situation for local health services."

Therese Patten, chief operating officer at Southport and Ormskirk NHS Trust said: "The data released by NHS England highlighted that, as has been widely reported, the NHS has been extremely busy since the New Year.

"To meet high levels of demand and continue providing patients with safe care, local health and social care services are collaborating closely in both hospitals, community health services and with social care to improve the flow of patients through A&E departments, hospital wards and back into the community.

"In the meantime, people can help us manage the continued high demand for care by using A&E wisely and thinking carefully before calling an ambulance."

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The Mind shop in Aughton Street, Ormskirk

Charity shop appeal for volunteers and donations

STAFF at a charity shop which supports members of the community with mental health problems are urging West Lancs residents to give volunteering a try.

The national charity Mind relies on the generosity of the community to keep the shop going and staff at the Mind shop on Aughon Street in Ormskirk are appealing for support from people willing to help with tasks such as sorting, steaming, pricing, handling sales and customer service.

Austen Finch, the regional manager for the Mind shop in Ormskirk, said: "Volunteering at the Mind shop in Ormskirk is a great way to give something back to the local community and it also provides a chance to develop new skills or build work experience, and can even support you in obtaining a NVQ.

"Our volunteers need no prior experience and we just ask for a commitment of two to three hours per week."

The charity is also appealing for donations.

Donating unwanted Christmas presents can be as good as making cash donations as each bag of donations is worth about £30 to Mind, and good quality items can be worth even more.

Items such as clothes, pairs of shoes, books and accessories are always welcome and help to raise money for Mind which exists to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn to for advice and support.

Proceeds from all donations will fund the charity's work such as the Mind Infoline, information and advice services, as well as the campaigning Mind does to secure a better deal for the one in four people who experience a mental health problem every year.

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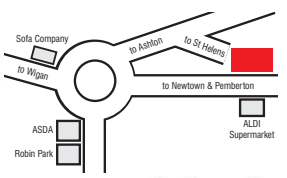

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Rainbow House chief executive Carole Cochrane shows the new treadmill to rotary club officials John Molyneux and David Brooke.

Rotarians' £1,900 gift helps to fund new specialist treadmill for Rainbow House

by Danielle Thompson

A WEST Lancashire-based charity which provides rehabilitation, education and fun for children, young people and adults with conditions including cerebral palsy, brain injury, stroke, MS and genetic disorders has been given a boost - thanks to a group of community volunteers.

The Preston Amounderness Rotary Club donated £1,900 to Rainbow House in Mawdesley to enable them to buy a specialist treadmill.

The money was donated from the club's own funds along with a grant from the Rotary Foundation, the Rotary movement's own charity.

The charity used the gift to buy the new treadmill, which will help to teach the young people who use Rainbow House mobility and co-ordination.

The rotary club's president, John Molyneux, said "Rotary is a worldwide movement of volunteers working to benefit local and international communities. The Rotary Club of Preston Amounderness is one of 68 Rotary Clubs in Lancashire and Cumbria. In our local work we aim to support well-run charities like Rainbow House who are working in challenging areas."

Carole Cochrane, chief executive at Rainbow House, added: "We are very grateful to the rotary club for their generous donation.

"The treadmill is extremely beneficial to all of the children and young people who use our services and helps improve mobility and co-ordination. As we have no statutory funding, the support of the Rotary Club and other organisations is crucial to our ability to continue to provide and expand our services."

Ormskirk Post Office

Bosses confirm new 'home' for Post Office

POST Office chiefs have confirmed that Ormskirk Post Office is set to move from its current location to create what they describe as 'a modern open-plan branch for customers'.

The new location for the branch is the W H Smith store at 13 Moor Street, about 160 metres from its current site in Aughton Street.

The Post office say the new branch will continue to provide the same wide range of services including a cash machine, subject to relevant consents and planning permission.

Roger Gale, Post Office's sales and trade marketing director, said that the change would help to ensure the branch is commercially viable into the future and therefore protect Post Office services on which customers in Ormskirk depend.

He said: "Our customers' needs continue to change and we are responding to that, taking the right action to sustain our services for years to come."

The Post Office's final plans for Ormskirk have been shaped following a six-week public consultation.

The new branch will have four counter positions with opening hours from 9am to 5.30pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am to 5.30pm on Tuesday, and 9am to 12.30pm on Saturdays.

Mr Gale added; "We are committed to remaining on high streets and at the heart of communities and we are making changes right across our network to enable us to do so."

The last day of service at the current branch will be Wednesday, February 22. The new branch will open on Thursday, February 23 and will continue to be operated by the Post Office with the existing branch team providing customer service.

Five arrested over Moores robbery

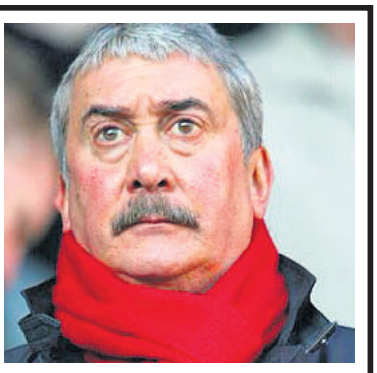
FIVE people have been arrested in connection with the attack on former Liverpool owner David Moores who was injured during a robbery at his home in Halsall.

The 69-year-old was beaten by two men who forced their way into his house in March and locked him in a bathroom. He was taken to Aintree Hospital after suffering a fractured cheek bone, two fractured ankles, deep wounds to his ankles and bruising on his arms and legs.

Lancashire Constabulary released CCTV footage of the raid in June, which was also shown on the BBC Crimewatch Roadshow.

Cash totalling £7,000, as well as jewellery and watches, was stolen in the raid.

Three men from Liverpool aged 30, 34 and 39 were arrested for conspiracy to commit robbery and released on bail. A 38-year-old man from Widnes was arrested for attempting to pervert the course of justice and also released on bail. And a 29-year-old woman from Liverpool, arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods and money laundering was released without charge.



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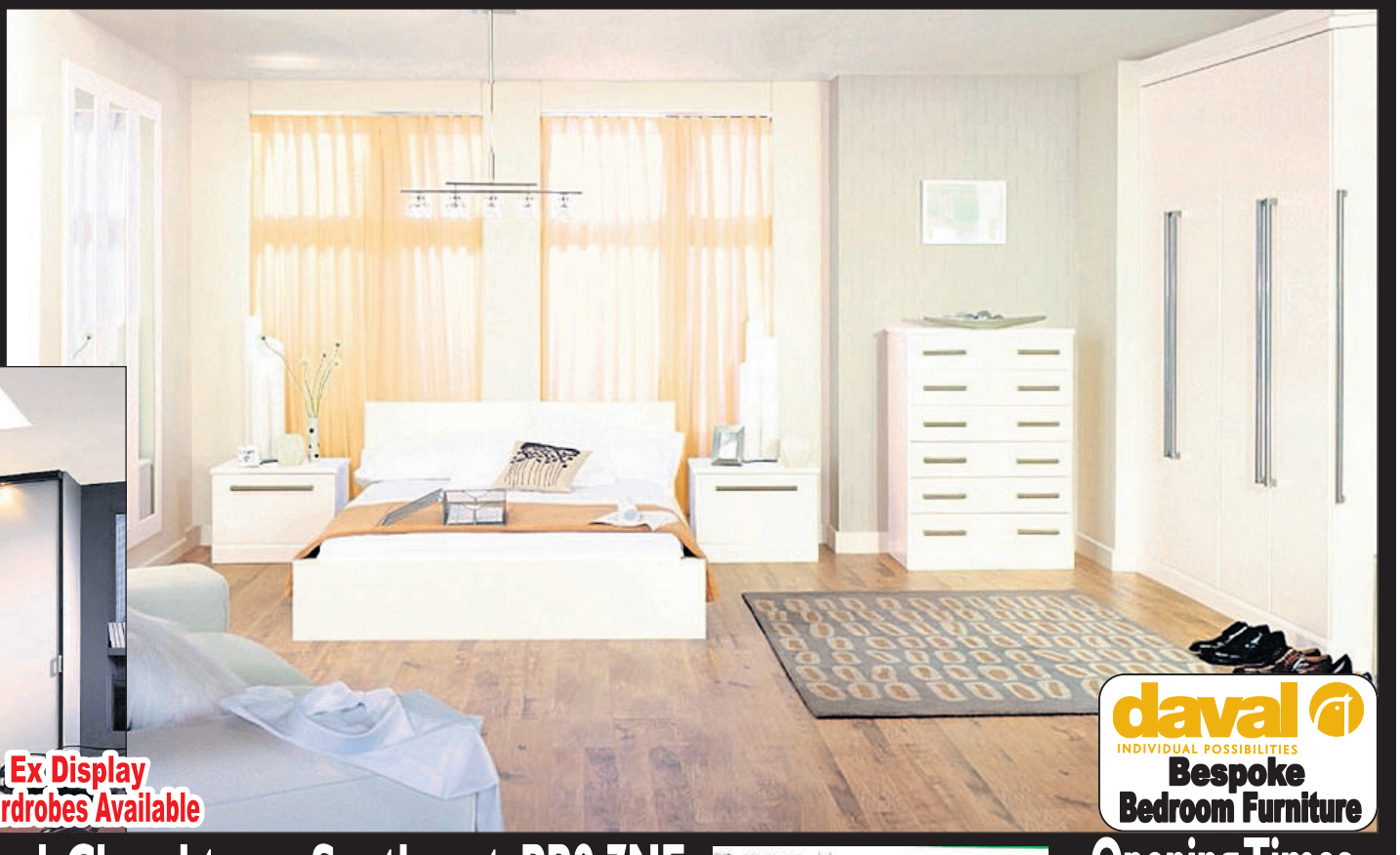

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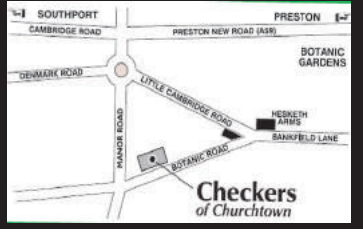

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Brighter Future Workshop team in plea for unwanted mobility equipment

A WEST Lancashire-based charity and social enterprise which aims to improve the quality of life for disabled and disadvantaged people is appealing for donations of mobility equipment - such as wheelchairs and walking frames - which people may have lying around their homes but no longer use.

Brighter Future Workshop Ltd. of Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale, brings used equipment 'back to life' to give people who cannot afford new equipment the chance to enjoy greater mobility.

Examples of equipment lovingly restored by the team include wheelchairs, mobility scooters, power chairs, rise and recline chairs, children's equipment, hospital-type beds and walking aids.

This winter the award-winning charity is asking residents in the borough to donate any mobility equipment that they no longer use or need so that it can be refurbished and distributed to people in need. They do not accept NHS owned-wheelchairs etc.

There are around 1.2m wheelchair users in the country - more than two per cent of the UK population - many of who often face severe delays before being allocated a chair, with 70 per cent waiting more than three months and a further 15 per cent more than a year.

Peter Cousins

Peter Cousins MBE, founder and chair of Brighter Future Workshop Ltd., said: "Many of our customers have become disadvantaged and isolated due to the shortage of reliable and affordable mobility equipment; we aim to help them function in their local community and society in general.

"There are many people trapped at home waiting to receive various types of equipment.

"Refurbishing equipment to a high standard is essential to close the gap in the waiting list, so these people can regain their mobility and get out into the community once again.

"To date, we have recycled and repaired more than 28,000 pieces of equipment and helped train more than 300 disabled and disadvantaged young people; helping both the community and environment."

Brighter Future Workshop Ltd. trains young people with disabilities to repair and service mobility equipment, thus providing them opportunities that may not have been readily available.

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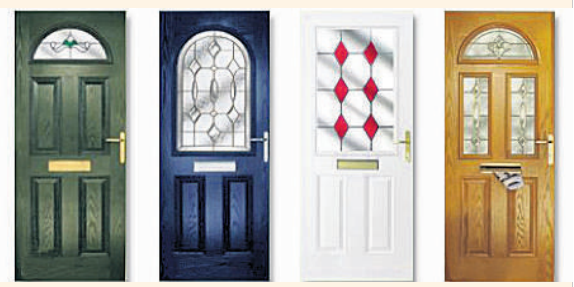

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Joint campaign to crack down on hare coursing

LANCASHIRE Police are teaming up with the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) in a campaign to crack down on hare coursing in the county.

In partnership with the constabulary the CLA has created signs warning of the consequences of the activity and encouraging people to report it.

The signs are intended to educate the public about the illegal nature of hare coursing, and urge them to report any suspicious activity by calling the police on 101.

Police are keen to stress that people involved in hare coursing are criminals and should not be approached or challenged.

When reporting suspicious activity, the police need as much detail as possible such as the behaviour of people involved and vehicle description (make, colour, model, number plate).

Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw, said: "I'm delighted we have been able to work together with our partners in the CLA on this. It's really important that people living in rural communities help us spot when activity such as hare coursing and other wildlife crime is taking place.

Police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw (2nd left) and rural and wildlife crime co-ordinator Lorraine Ellwood (2nd right) with CLA officials Libby Bateman and Barbara Mackie and campaign supporter Brent Jackson.

"In rural areas crimes are harder to spot and we really do want local people to be on the lookout for anything they think may be suspicious and tell the police about it.

"Protecting our rural communities is as much a priority for me and Lancashire Constabulary as is policing our towns and cities."

Libby Bateman of CLA North commented: "Calls from the public make a vital difference providing important intelligence that helps the police to co-ordinate resources to combat rural crime more effectively."

And Lorraine Ellwood, rural and wildlife crime co-ordinator at Lancashire Constabulary, added: "Criminals involved in this illegal activity – which is banned - often threaten landowners and damage property.

"These criminal gangs are still travelling to our area, trespassing on private farmland to chase hares with dogs. "The only way to stop these criminals is to report any suspicious activity to the police."

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Pub closure mystery

MYSTERY surrounds the unexpected closure of the Farmers Arms in Bispham.

The popular pub (*pictured right*) on Chorley Road, was due to serve food until 8pm and stay open until late on New Year's Eve but unexpectedly closed on the day, Saturday, December 31.

A handwritten note posted inside the doors stated: "Sorry, pub closed for an indefinite time.'

The Champion contacted Star Pubs and Bars, the leased pub business of Heineken UK, who own the premises.

A spokesperson said: "We would like to apologise for the temporary closure of the Farmers Arms. We are currently looking for a new operator to take over the running of this attractive, countryside foodie pub located in idyllic Parbold."

Syrian refugee families to be re-settled in borough

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council's cabinet has agreed proposals to allow five Syrian refugee families to be re-settled in the borough.

The decision was taken at the meeting of the authority's on Tuesday, January 10 and it has been suggested that the families can arrive by this July.

Councillor Kevin Wright, cabinet member for health and community safety, said: "Anyone who has seen the reports from Syria will appreciate the appalling suffering these poor people have been going through.

"They will have been living with the constant fear that each day could be their last. We are playing a small role in helping just a few of these refugees escape those horrors."

The Syrian civil war, which started in 2011 and to date is believed to have resulted in up to half-a-million deaths, has created one of the largest refugee crises the world has seen since the Second World War. More than half of the country's 23 million population has been affected by the conflict.

In 2015 the UK Government agreed to re-settle up to 20,000 refugees over five years with Lancashire County Council offering to take 575 of them in different parts of the county and all districts expected to play their part.

Under the Syrian Resettlement Programme individuals are assessed whilst in refugee camps outside the UK. They will also undergo health and security screening.

A number of families were re-settled in 2016 in Pendle, Blackpool and South Ribble.

In 2017 Pendle will be accepting more families and for the first time West Lancashire is taking in refugees under the agreement. Lancaster, Wyre and Burnley are also planning to take in refugees.

Any refugees coming to West Lancashire would qualify for re-settlement under criteria set down by the United Nations. These include survivors of violence and/or torture, and women, children and adolescents at risk.

West Lancs Council will source accommodation for the refugees from the private rented sector. It would also work with different organisations to provide help, such as translation and integration services, and English language courses.

The council is able to re-claim the costs it incurs in helping refugees from the government.

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Hospital trust to hold nurse recruitment evening

A RECRUITMENT evening is being held for nurses interested in working at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust.

The open evening follows a number of successful events in 2016 and is an opportunity for both newly-qualified and experienced nurses to meet other nurses and team members and discover what opportunities are available.

Nurses wanting to return to practice are also welcome.

There are vacancies available in both hospital and community nursing and across all specialties.

Informal interviews will be held on the day and applicants are asked to bring along identification.

The event will be held at Southport Hospital's clinical education centre on Tuesday, January 24 between 3.30 and 7pm. Light refreshments will be available for all those attending.

To view all current vacancies at the trust visit www.jobs.nhs.uk and search for Southport and Ormskirk.

Senior sister Gayle Haney

Animal-loving shoppers raise £1,300-plus for abandoned pets

GENEROUS animal lovers in West Lancashire have raised more than £1,300 for abandoned pets as part of a special month-long appeal.

Staff at the charity Support Adoption for Pets held a 'Santa Paws' Christmas appeal in more than 400 Pets at Home stores across the UK, with customers encouraged to donate 50p to provide a Christmas dinner for pets spending the festive season in a rescue.

Shoppers at the Burscough Pets at Home on the Ringtail Retail Park donated a grand total of £1,366.55.

Support Adoption for Pets set an ambitious target of providing 1.5million meals for abandoned animals but thanks to the generosity of customers their fundraising efforts have resulted in more than two million meals being served up.

Support Adoption for Pets' fundraising manager, Amy Wilson, said: "We are blown away by the remarkable charity fundraising that the Pets at Home stores have delivered this Christmas– a record breaking, astonishing amount of money has been donated to very worthy local pet rescues, revealing the drive, creativity and sheer generosity of Pets at Home store teams and customers across the UK."

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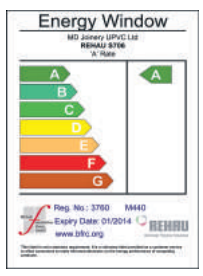

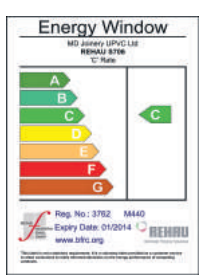

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Still time for eligible owner-occupiers to take advantage of Winter Warm Scheme

Chance to have gas heating appliances repaired or replaced - *but hurry!* - funds are limited

WEST Lancs Council is reminding home owners in the borough that there is still time to apply for free gas heating appliance repair or replacement under the authority's Winter Warm Scheme.

The council has received funding from Lancashire County Council's public health team to offer the scheme for a fourth year.

It offers owner-occupiers in West Lancashire the opportunity to have their gas heating appliances repaired free of charge to help keep them warm and save money on their gas bills this winter.

Gas heating appliances - including gas fires and boilers - can be repaired and or replaced, subject to certain conditions.

The scheme is available to qualifying owner-occupiers who are in receipt of certain benefits, who suffer with certain health conditions and do not have a plan in place that covers boiler repairs.

Councillor Kevin Wright

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "Funding is still available for people to apply for the Winter Warm Scheme, which really could help people feel warmer in their homes and I would urge owner-occupiers to check if they are eligible to apply."

Tenants cannot apply to the scheme as it is the landlords' responsibility to maintain or replace any heating appliances, including gas boilers.

The scheme will run until March 31 but funding is limited so residents are encouraged to apply early.

For more information, including terms and conditions, visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/winter-warm.

ANYONE wishing to find out if they are eligible to apply to the West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme can contact the council's private sector housing team on 01695 585279 quoting the West Lancs Winter Warm Scheme.

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Historical society lecture programme

ORMSKIRK Historical Society have announced details of their forthcoming lecture programme.

On Monday, January 30 Ms G Hayes will give an illustrated talk entitled 'The Danny History and Restoration' about a unique steamship with an intriguing history.

Ms A Goodeson will present an illustrated talk entitled 'Our Egyptian Collection & Exhibition' on Monday, February 6, giving a behind-the-scenes look at Southport's Atkinson Museum

And on Monday, February 20, Roger Blaxall will present 'Should I Stay or Should I go?' outlining the story of how Ormskirk helped people displaced after the blitz of the Second World War.

Meetings are held at the Four Land Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe, starting at 7.30pm.

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Healthwatch chief warns of 'make or break year' for NHS

Report by **Henry James**

THE chair of Healthwatch Lancashire, Mike Wedgeworth, says that 2017 will be a "make or break year" for the NHS and Local Government.

Mr Wedgeworth, who heads up the body described as 'the public voice of health and social care' in the county, was reviewing the past 12 months and looking to the year ahead.

He pointed out that in 2016 Healthwatch Lancashire had produced reports which included the following findings:

Mike Wedgeworth, chair of Healthwatch Lancashire

- Accident and emergency departments are under huge pressure, due both to increased demand and staff shortages.
- Lancashire has way less than its fair share of GPs, with the result that some patients must wait days before they can get even emergency appointments.
- Dentistry services for people living in residential care are inadequate.
- Homeless people struggle to get proper health treatment.
- Patients are very unclear about what is meant by an urgent care centre and wondered how different it was from and accident and emergency department.
- Some care homes were not meeting basic standards.

However, he added that their work had also drawn attention to some "excellent practice," with strong approval ratings for the compassionate care provided by nurses, doctors and care workers.

Mr Wedgeworth said: "Work planned for 2017 will see us continuing to talk to patients and service users, in co-operation with neighbouring Healthwatch groups to pass on completely independent advice to GPs, hospitals, pharmacies, dentists, providers of residential care and others about the good and the not so good services they provide.

"But the negatives underline what many are calling the 'crisis' in health and social care - not enough doctors and specialists, a surge in demand, hospital deficits, 'bed blocking' by patients fit to be discharged but with nowhere to go, and woefully inadequate funding for social care.

"Whilst the political debate surges around us, Healthwatch is pleased to be able to contribute to discussions among experts about what can be done within existing budgets. This work, inevitably a bit 'underground' until firm proposals emerge, is under the less-than-catchy title of The Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

"Such plans, which cover all of the country, have been condemned by some as secretive and likely to result in hospital closures and even longer waits to see a GP. But the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Plan has been published and readers will see that there are no proposals to reduce the number of hospital beds.

"That does not mean that there will not be changes. Faced with a shortfall of over £500m, something must be done.

"But Healthwatch is concerned that the patients and service users who are the reason for our existence are likely to find the plan difficult to understand. And, then, when concrete proposals do emerge, the general public may very well rise up in fierce protest.

"A straightforward guide to the plan is being prepared by Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria, and local Healthwatch groups are combining to talk with the public, first to test whether it is understandable, and influence and shape the document, as well as further public information materials. Ten sessions are planned for January and February at venues across Lancashire and South Cumbria."

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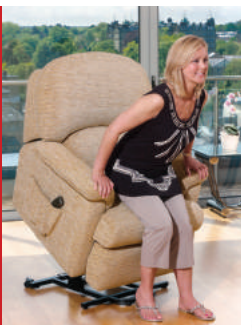

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Parents urged to 'Be Food Smart' to tackle childhood obesity

PARENTS in Lancashire are being encouraged to 'Be Food Smart' and take control of their children's diets as part of a campaign by Public Health England highlighting the amount of sugar, saturated fat and salt found in everyday food and drink.

Children in England consume more than 11g of sugar (three cubes) at breakfast time alone. The recommended daily maximum is no more than five cubes for four to six-year-olds and six cubes for seven to 10-year-olds.

Recent reports show that childhood obesity in England has reached alarming rates. In Lancashire one in five (22.6%) four to five-year-olds are overweight or very overweight when they start school, increasing to one in three (33.3%) 10 to 11-year-olds by the time they leave.

Some of the main sources of sugar at breakfast time include sugary cereals, drinks, and spreads. Children are also consuming too much sugar, saturated fat and salt in items such as confectionery, biscuits, muffins, pastries and soft drinks, which all contribute to an unhealthy diet.

The new Change4Life campaign urges parents to take more control of their children's diets. A new 'Be Food Smart' app has been developed to highlight how much sugar, saturated fat and salt can be found in everyday food and drink children consume.

A poster promoting the 'Be Food Smart' campaign

The free app helps and encourages families to choose healthier options and works by scanning the barcode of products allowing parents to compare brands and features food detective activities for children and mini missions the whole family can enjoy.

County Councillor Azhar Ali, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "The latest child obesity figures for Lancashire show just how important it is for families to know what they are putting on their plates.

"Healthy food makes an important contribution to children's vitamin and mineral intakes and has been linked to many positive health outcomes. I would encourage people to download the 'Be Food Smart' app which helps parents choose healthier food and drink options for their children."

The campaign also helps parents identify the dangers of children consuming too much sugar, saturated fat and salt.

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the county council's director of public health, said: "Our children might seem fine on the outside but too much sugar and saturated fat can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we can't see.

"This fat around vital organs can cause weight gain and serious diseases in the future, like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, or even some cancers.

"Over time, eating too much salt can also raise blood pressure putting us at risk of heart disease and stroke."

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Care trust awarded 'good' rating by quality commission

Report by **Henry James**

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust, the county's health and wellbeing provider, has received a 'good' rating from the Care Quality Commission (CQC) after a full, comprehensive inspection in September.

The CQC has also acknowledged the progress and improvements that have been made since the trust's first inspection when it was found to be requiring improvement.

An 80-strong inspection team spent a week at the trust in September, visiting services across the full range of provision (community and mental health) at locations across the county.

They amalgamated their findings into 13 service level inspection reports and one overarching report.

Eleven of the 13 inspection reports were assigned a rating of good overall, with six of these getting a rating of good across all domains. These were forensic inpatient wards; wards for older people with mental health problems; community-based mental health services for older people; CAMHS Tier 4 (The Junction and The Platform); mental health crisis services and places of safety; and community sexual health services.

Heather Tierney-Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

A rating of good was given to mental health services overall.

Heather-Tierney Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "This is a fantastic achievement and is solely down to the hard work and effort that the trust has put into making improvements following the first initial inspection.

"Our staff provide the best possible experience to the people that use our services. There are a number of times when the reports refer to teams and individuals that go the extra mile to support people.

"The CQC reports also highlight the positive interactions between our staff and patients and comment on our employees' kindness and caring nature. This fills us with pride and shows that we are a truly compassionate organisation.

"Comments from the people that use our service were also positive, with people saying that they were treated with dignity and respect also being a theme across the reports."

The CQC reports also include feedback from the people that use their services, which is very positive overall. This is consistent with their friends and family test scores, which is above the England average for mental health care and in line with the England average for community health care.

There are some areas that the CQC require the trust to focus on. On the whole, these include issues that are already known to the trust and in the process of being addressed, with some aspects, such as staffing, that will require ongoing attention.

Chance to blow away those winter blues at choir's fundraising concert

THE Aughton Male Voice Choir are holding a special concert next week to raise funds for their 'home' venue, Aughton Village Hall to express appreciation for the facilities provided.

Entitled, Blow Away the Winter Blues, the concert will be held at the hall in Winifred lane, on Friday, January 27 starting at 7.30pm.

Sue Watkinson, secretary to Aughton Village Hall's committee, said: "Aughton Village Hall was opened in 1971 following several years of fundraising by a valiant group of local people.

"Shortly afterwards their ambition for Aughton to have its own male voice choir was realised and the two organisations, which are both registered charities, have enjoyed a close relationship ever since. The choir uses the hall for weekly rehearsals and its well-supported Christmas concert.

"However, the choir has outgrown its original single filing cabinet and now requires extensive storage for its library of music. To express appreciation for the facilities provided at the hall, the choir is performing their special fundraising concert, Blow Away the Winter Blues, which will be a cheering evening of songs from the shows with soloist Lynn Jones."

Tickets, priced £5, are available from any member of the choir or from Sue on 01695 422423, and the bar will be open from 6.45pm.

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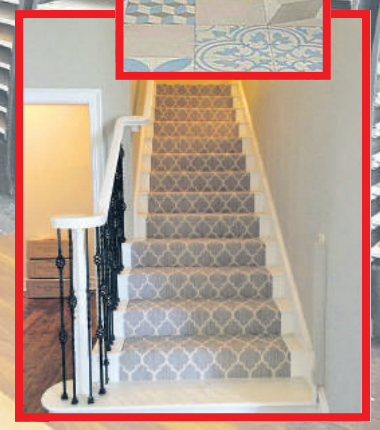
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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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People need these houses and the sooner the Parrs Lane development happens the better

I WRITE in response to the wooly claims by Martin Pagett with regards to Parrs Lane (Letters, January 11).

The initial response from the leader of Aughton Residents Group (ARG) suggested that they represented all of Aughton and 'thousands' were opposed to building on Parrs Lane.

The letters that responded to this said that not only did they not represent all Aughton residents, most residents hadn't even been asked their opinion.

He was also asked to change the group name because it doesn't speak for Aughton, it speaks for a handful of NIMBYs.

Mr Pagett's letter now suggests 'hundreds of residents were canvassed' and 'only a handful' opposed. So what is it, thousands or hundreds? And what is a 'handful'?

For a pressure group they aren't big on actual figures. What is the exact number? Was anyone keeping score?

As far as the council wasting taxpayers' money supporting them, I ask the same question as before: Do ARG think that the money should be spent challenging much-needed housing above vital bus services, road safety or women's refuge? A straight answer on this would be nice for a change.

The facts are quite simple here. Parrs Lane WILL be built on. The land is already earmarked so there's nothing you can do to change that, it's in the council's plan.

It might not be this round of housing but it will be built on as per the Local Plan.

You are simply a bunch of NIMBYs wasting taxpayers' money on something you might win the occasional battle on, but you've already lost the war, making the waste of money unforgivable.

People need houses, the population is growing. Parrs Lane has been identified as a site and the sooner the development happens the better.

Aughton resident, details supplied

Opposition to Aughton homes plan is just a case of selfish NIMBY-ism

IN response to Martin Pagett's letter concerning the development of Parrs Lane (Letters, January 11) I would like to make the following points.

He is bemoaning the fact that houses may be built on green belt land, but guess what? The land that his house is on would have been classed as green belt at some point in time!

If he cares so much about fields staying as fields, why doesn't he knock down his house and turn the land back into a field?

This NIMBY-ism from bored retirees in Aughton (who clearly have nothing better to do with their time than complain) needs to stop.

We have a growing population and so we need more homes.

They're not being built for fun, they're being built because they're needed.

Ask any of them where they would rather see houses built and you get the same answer - anywhere but near their home.

It's selfish and doesn't take into account the needs of the many, instead this behaviour demonstrates that the only thing these NIMBY-ists care about is themselves.

A. D., by email, details supplied

PICTURE of the week

TEAM Tree' members Mike and his son Toby on one of their charity Christmas tree collection runs in Ormskirk last weekend.

The pair, now into their third year of the scheme, joined fellow volunteers which saw them collect three hundred discarded trees from around the region.

The charity, set up by Ormskirk mum Rosie Bell will raise funds towards an iPad Mini for the neurosurgery ward at Alder Hey Children's Hospital.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

Campaign is based on flawed data from minority of residents

RE: Martin Pagett's letter (January 11) about the Parrs Lane development, admitting that 'hundreds of residents were canvassed concerning their view about this encroachment of the green belt but some were missed', is quite a strange comment when the Aughton Residents Group claim to represent 8,000 local residents!

So ARG and Mr Pagett are basing their NIMBY campaign on flawed data from a small percentage of the actual population.

As a local resident I too, like other recent letter writers, have never been asked for my views about any of this. Nor have my friends and neighbours.

This being the case, I'd like to point out the elephant in the room to Mr Pagett and ARG - the Parr Lane site is NOT green belt.

It is identified in the Local Plan as building land to be used if other sites are not delivering our much-needed local housing, which they are not.

It's all very well sticking your head in the sand instead of facing reality. We need housing and the council have identified the sites to provide it and this is one of them.

Quite how West Lancs Council justify the escalating costs of trying to delay this site is beyond me when our local services are being slashed to ribbons.

Mrs Peterson, Aughton

Further clarification on HMOs and council tax

IN response to Barbara Bunn's letter (Champion, December 21) headed 'A point of clarity on HMOs and council tax', the letter from the New Ormskirk Residents Group (NORG) on December 7 was in no way misleading.

As clearly stated in that letter, the figures supplied to us by West Lancs Borough Council gave only the number of student HMOs (433 at the last count) therefore the calculation of 'lost' revenue was based on that number.

As stated in our letter of December 7, and also indicated by Ms Bunn's letter, where HMOs house residents who are not students (a number neither of us has at present) then council tax is payable.

Secretary, New Ormskirk Residents Group

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

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Are Ormskirk roads 'severely congested'?

IN a recent leaflet published by the West Lancashire Conservative Party, Councillor David Westley states that 'there is severe traffic congestion in Ormskirk.'

He claims that this is 'strangling the town centre.'

Based on my observation of traffic over many years, I wrote to Cllr. Westley questioning his statements.

He told me that he was quoting the West Lancs Transport and Highways Masterplan, but when I read this document I could find no reference to 'severe congestion' in the town.

I would agree that at rush hours, drivers might have to be patient for five minutes, but it's unreasonable to expect no delays at all. On Bank Holidays, of course, there might be longer waits but normally traffic flows smoothly through the centre.

It's interesting that the Masterplan says that there is absolutely no justification for an Ormskirk by-pass.

If Cllr. Westley can give us actual proof of his claims, he should tell the Champion, but if he can find no such proof he should correct his statements.

Maurice George, by email

Fantastic ambulance service deserve praise for work they do

I WOULD like to praise the North West Ambulance Service, who were called out to help me twice over the festive period.

They were very comforting, efficient and professional. I couldn't have asked for a better service.

It's about time that the NHS in West Lancs, who are wonderful, were praised for the fantastic work that they do.

I would be more than willing to pay more taxes towards more funds for the NHS to allow them to provide an even better service. Who else would do this to help save the NHS?

Lawrence Stoneley, Ormskirk

Time to get tested for any 'unwanted Christmas gifts'

LANCASHIRE Care Trust's Contraception and Sexual Health (CaSH) service for under-25s is calling on young people in the county to get tested for any unwanted Christmas 'presents' after the festive period.

With Valentine's Day just a month away officials at the service are urging young people to have a full check-up, including HIV and syphilis testing.

The appeal was launched to coincide with National STI Day (January 14) two weeks after the Christmas and New Year party season when many people may have unprotected sex.

Sue Capstick from CaSH said: "The Christmas and New Year party season can lead to unprotected sex which increases the risk of getting sexually transmitted infections like gonorrhoea and chlamydia, leading to possible complications in later life.

"Common STIs like chlamydia can take two weeks to be detectable so getting tested in mid-January is the right thing to do.

Experts

"The middle of January is also just a month before Valentine's Day so it's best to know you can celebrate knowing you're free of infection."

Lancashire Care's CaSH service, in partnership with Brook, the young people's charity, provides sexual health services in Lancashire for people aged up to 25.

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Police and safety partnership team up to offer free security marking for bicycles

THE West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership (WLCSP) is teaming up with the police to give cyclists in the borough the chance to ensure that they keep their bicycles safe.

The WLCSP has funded the purchase of hundreds of crime prevention Alpha Dot kits in partnership with the Lancashire police and crime commissioner's office.

The dots can be read by a special magnifying reader held by the police and can be traced through a database back to the registered keeper of the property they are attached to.

This evidence is used regularly in convictions.

They can be painted on to a bike with a small brush and once applied they last a lifetime. The kit also includes high-visibility stickers which can act as a deterrent to potential thieves.

Police officers in West Lancashire have arranged the following initial dates and times when cyclists can go along and have these special security dots put onto their bikes at Ormskirk Police Station:

Friday, January 27, from 5 to 8pm

Saturday, January 28, 5 to 8pm

Sunday, January 29, 3 to 6pm

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for community safety, said: "I am sure there are many proud owners of new bicycles in West Lancashire after Christmas but all cyclists are welcome to take advantage of this offer.

"Cyclists who take this important security step now can protect their bikes from thieves so they have many happy years in the saddle."

More dates will be arranged shortly for Skelmersdale Police Station. For more information on this, visit facebook.com/SkemPolice.

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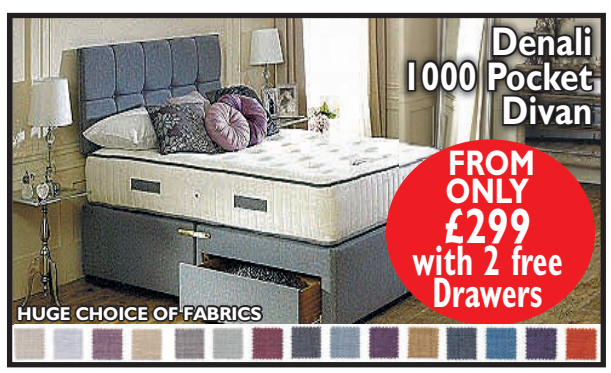

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Freemasons' £50k grant for mental health charity

by Danielle Thompson

Officials of the Lancashire Freemasons present the cheque to representatives of Young Minds

CHILDREN suffering from mental health problems across the North West are set to benefit from a £50,000 investment to trial peer support groups for their parents.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation has made a grant of nearly £50,000 to the Young Minds charity to finance the support groups in Lancashire, Sefton, Liverpool, Knowsley and St Helens.

Funded entirely through the generosity of Freemasons and their families, the Masonic Charitable Foundation provides support to relieve financial, health or family need and awards grants to community support and research projects.

As many as 100,000 children in the North West are affected by mental health problems. The trial aims to develop a unique and sustainable peer-to-peer support model that can be replicated by local authorities and parenting groups across the country, as well as training at least 10 parents in each areas to set-up and run four or more parenting groups.

One in every ten young people between the ages of 10 and 16 has a diagnosable mental health problem, the equivalent of three in every classroom. This means that there are around three-quarters of a million young people with a mental health problem in England - nearly 100,000 of them in the North West.

More than 80,000 children nationally suffer from a severe form of depression and the depression rate in teenagers has increased by 70 per cent in the past 25 years.

Children with persistent emotional disorders, which also include anxiety, eating disorders, bipolar and schizophrenia, are twice as likely to struggle with basic literacy and numeracy and are far more likely to be excluded from school or leave with no qualifications.

Parents of these children are at great risk of developing mental health problems of their own and help from other parents who have 'been through it' helps them feel more confident, more knowledgeable and less isolated.

George Fox from the West Lancashire Freemasons said: "We are very pleased to be able to help Young Minds with this extremely worthwhile project.

"There are many thousands of parents of children with mental health problems that are getting no support at all. We aim to help them so that they can continue to help their children."

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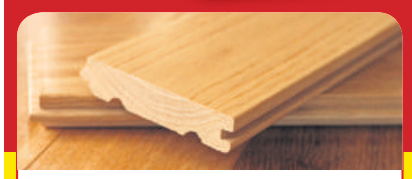

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This year's judges are last year's finalist, Thomas Morris, Cathy Galvin, director of The Word Factory and Dr Rodge Glass, reader in literary fiction at Edge Hill.

Collections must be submitted by Friday, March 3 and the shortlist will be announced by June 30 with awards to be presented at a special event as part of the International Book Festival in August.

To be eligible, they must be published during 2016 and authors must be born or normally reside in the British Isles (including Ireland).

Ideas for heritage event sought

ORGANISERS of the annual Burscough Heritage Weekend are holding a meeting to encourage members of the public to suggest ideas for this summer's event.

Members of the Burscough Heritage Group, driving force behind the weekend in June, are holding a brain-storming meeting at the Blue Mallard on Burscough Wharf on Monday, January, 23 from 7.30pm.

Heritage Group member, Colin Wareing, said: "We would like to repeat the previous successful events that have brought thousands of people into the village. We're holding a public meeting, inviting everyone who would like to become involved in enhancing this year's event and hopefully spreading it further into the village from the canal where it has been based up to now.

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Sparkling surprise

Jason and Rachel are presented with their prize by Jones Homes' Gill Wilkin

AN Ormskirk couple were given a sparkling surprise when they attended the launch of a new housing development.

Jason and Rachel Ramsden, both 32, who have a one year old son, were given a bottle of champagne and voucher for a meal at the Rufford Arms when they attended the launch of Jones Homes' four-bed and five-bed homes development, Roseacre Gardens, off New Road in Rufford.

Rachel said: "We were over the moon to win this super prize - we never win anything so we're absolutely delighted!"

Julie Hardy from Jones Homes, said: "The launch event at Roseacre Gardens was superb and to celebrate its success, we wanted to surprise one guest with a prize. We hope Rachel and Jason enjoy a delicious meal at the Rufford Arms and their bottle of champagne."

Father and son jailed for string of church burglaries

By our **Court Reporter**

A FATHER and son who burgled 15 churches have been put behind bars.

Gregory Hawkshaw, 45, and Danny Hawkshaw, 23, smashed doors and broke windows in the raids.

Liverpool Crown Court heard that the pair targeted churches across Ainsdale, Scarisbrick and Southport, making off with hundreds of pounds in cash, laptops, projectors and televisions.

The two men were due for sentence in November but the son failed to attend and his dad asked for a deferred sentence, claiming he could retrieve some of the stolen goods.

The judge heard that Danny Hawkshaw, of Sandbrook Road, Ainsdale, went on the run, living in a tent in Preston, and was not captured by police until Christmas Eve.

Jailing him for three years, three months and his father, four years, Judge Robert Warnock said some of the kind-hearted parishioners from the churches had offered the pair forgiveness.

The father and son duo jailed for church crimes

But he said, "This was invasion of these places of worship. I owe a public duty in respect of these matters."

The judge said that Gregory's record was "disgraceful," and told his son, "You too, Danny Hawkshaw, have started off in the same way as your father."

Paul Becker, prosecuting, said that the two men were caught when blood matching Gregory's DNA was recovered from the scene of one of the burglaries. They pleaded guilty to burgling Ainsdale Methodist Church in Liverpool Road overnight on September 30, stealing two laptops and a projector..

The pair also admitted raiding St John's Anglican Church, also in Liverpool Road, on October 10, when they took a £300 laptop. A vestry door was pulled completely off its hinges and they caused an estimated £1,000 of damage.

Mr Becker said they confessed to 13 other break-ins, which were to be taken into account. These included raids on:

- St Mark's Church in Southport Road, Scarisbrick, where £400 of cash was taken
- St James' Church in Lulworth Road, Birkdale, where a TV, laptop and cash worth £1,380 were stolen
- St Peter's Church in St Peter's Road, Birkdale, where a projector and two laptops were taken.
- Lord Street West United Reformed Church, Southport, involving £30 in cash and a laptop
- St John's Church in Rufford Road, Crossens, Southport, where a laptop and projector were stolen.

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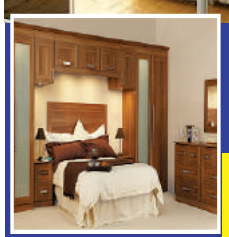

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Bus milestones help me keep track of the years

STRANGE how one thing can lead unexpectedly to another.

Writing last week's 'Dog' I mentioned that I was taken to see the film *A Night To Remember* at the Waterloo Odeon in 1958. I realised that I only knew the exact year because that was when the film came out and I was dead keen to see it.

That thought led to another. What other dates in my early life could I pinpoint with such accuracy? In fact there are several, all connected with my life-long interest in buses. That doesn't mean I cannot vividly recollect many possibly far more interesting bits in my existence, but the precise year is far more difficult to pin down.

However, I know that as a child of five I was standing with my granny in Church Street, Ormskirk because I remember my first sight of a Ribble bus coming round the corner from Ormskirk Church. That was 1951 when they first appeared.

For the same reason I know it was 1954 when I saw my first Leyland 'Tiger Cub' coach. It turned off Northway in Maghull and disappeared up Damfield Lane - why I couldn't figure out then, nor for that matter now - but it did and it was 1954!

Perhaps some of you will remember the Leyland 'Atlantean' double-deckers, the ones with the engine in a kind of bustle at the back? Well, as a keen bus enthusiast I learned that the very first one of these actually to be out on the road in revenue-earning service was the appropriately numbered Wallasey Corporation (as then was) No. 1, which was coincidentally working the No. 1 service from New Brighton to Beachcomber.

So sometime (probably during school half-term) I ventured forth by train to New Brighton to where these buses started and patiently waited until my quarry showed up, in the autumn of 1958.

It was well worth the wait. Not only did I get to ride this then unique vehicle, but it was quite different inside from any other bus I had seen before, and certainly different from the dozens of otherwise similar 'Atlanteans' I've travelled on since.

It had a clock at the front of the lower saloon, a luxury I had only seen on coaches up to then. I learned that this was normal on Wallasey buses so that the conductor could ensure 'his' vehicle kept to time. It also had an 'Alhambral' saloon ceiling as well, a feature I had never seen before, or since.

Then there was the time I thought I was about to be arrested.

Ribble had bought very special versions of the 'Atlantean' - double-deck luxury coaches, sporting reclining seats, a washroom, individual reading lights to go with dimming main interior lighting for overnight runs and a 'hostess' who served refreshments at your seat, which gave rise to the class name for these vehicles, which would put most of today's coaches to shame. They were officially called 'Gay Hostesses' which back in 1960 would not have aroused the titters it would now as the word 'gay' meant joyous and lively - and still should.

That was when the world was a more innocent place - unless of course you happened to be a 13-year-old schoolboy roaming the streets of Liverpool at something approaching midnight.

I was a member of the Ribble Enthusiasts Society which had arranged a trip to the Commercial Motor Show at Earl's Court in London, travelling down by 'Gay Hostess' overnight, attending the show the following day and staying in an hotel.

I don't know where it started from but it was picking up the Sharpe family from one of those streets which used to be behind Liverpool's Victoria monument. As there was a half-hour or so to wait, I had strayed a little way, just wandering around until I was apprehended by a copper who found it difficult to swallow my explanation that I was waiting for a bus to London.

Things were eventually straightened out by my dad but it stuck in my mind even so.

Winter appeal in aid of vulnerable

Report by **Henry James**

AN independent registered charity which is part of a national movement dedicated to achieving positive social change in local communities, has launched an appeal to raise vital funds for the vulnerable in Lancashire.

The Community Foundation for Lancashire's Spirit of Lancashire Winter Appeal aims to raise funds and awareness of the combined effects of the colder months on those in the county who may be more vulnerable than most, especially due to natural disasters, fuel poverty and loneliness.

With colder weather forecast, the foundation is seeking to act as a vehicle to collect and distribute donations to vulnerable people and the groups who help them across Lancashire.

The UK has one of the highest increases in winter-related deaths among the elderly in Europe. Each winter one older person dies every seven minutes from the cold. Lancashire alone has approximately 70,000 households that experience fuel poverty during the winter months.

For the past five years the Community Foundation has been raising funds to help support vulnerable people survive the winter.

The appeal acts as a vehicle for generous pensioners to 'recycle' their winter fuel payments and has now developed into a giving portal for anyone to donate to support vulnerable people in their communities.

Launched during a visit to a previously flood-hit area in Wyre, the appeal was kick-started by a £10,000 donation from the foundation's own funds to help those most in need.

Karen Morris, philanthropy director at the Community Foundation, said: "Winter is a dangerous time for the most vulnerable people and we want to tackle the issue of social isolation and help the many households living in fuel poverty.

"Lancashire is one of the most generous counties in the country and we hope many people will demonstrate their spirit of Lancashire to support those less fortunate this winter."

● To donate online to the Spirit of Lancashire Winter Appeal go to www.lancsfoundation.org.uk/give/spirit-of-lancashire-winter-appeal or the dedicated My Donate page at www.mydonate.bt.com/events/spiritoflancashire. Donations of £1 upwards are welcomed.

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CPS to consider 23 criminal charges in Hillsboro' tragedy investigation

Report by **Tom Martin**

CRIMINAL charges could be made against 23 unnamed people and organisations who were involved in the 1989 Hillsborough tragedy.

After criminal investigations were sanctioned in 2012, the Independent Police Commission and Operation Resolve have now come to their conclusions and files have been passed to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Prosecutors will now decide whether to proceed with criminal charges.

After lengthy inquests held last year, a jury concluded that the 96 Liverpool fans who died at the FA Cup semi-final were unlawfully killed.

Lawyer Elkan Abrahamson, director of Broudie Jackson Canter, which represents 20 of the Hillsborough families, said: "Our clients are relieved that files have finally gone to the CPS to consider criminal proceedings against 23 individuals and organisations.

"Given that the CPS have been working in tandem with the police and the IPCC for many years, we believe decisions should now be taken without further delay.

"We will continue to scrutinise the process and any decisions."

An inquest jury last April found the match commander, Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield, responsible for manslaughter by gross negligence.

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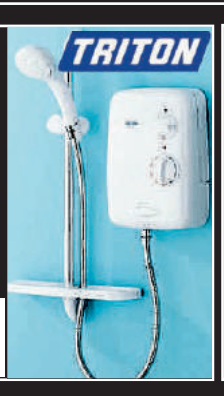

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Bishop holds consecration service for graveyard extension

A CHURCH graveyard extension has been officially consecrated by the Bishop of Liverpool.

The Right Reverend Paul Bayes held a special service at Holy Trinity Church in Church Road, Bickerstaffe earlier this month.

In the autumn, members of the churchc ongregation completed a major day-long tidy-up of the graveyard.

Parishioner Edward McCarthy said: "The graveyard extension was funded by grants from the Duke of Lancaster Benevolent Fund and the All Churches Trust, money raised through the online crowd-funding site Crowdfunder, donations from parishioners and from Lord Derby and church funds."

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Reverend Paul Bayes leads the service to consecrate the new graveyard extension

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Police chief goes on the road to gauge views on council tax rise to make up budget shortfall

by Danielle Thompson

WITH further reductions expected in the grant given to Lancashire Constabulary from national budgets, the county's police and crime commissioner Clive Grunshaw has taken to the road to ask people how much they are willing to pay for policing in Lancashire.

Following the launch of telephone and online surveys in December, the commissioner has been holding roadshows in Blackpool, Burnley and Oldham this week as the final leg of his consultation with residents ahead of setting the police budget for the next financial year.

The telephone survey of residents, conducted by independent researchers, has already polled 1,400 people from all parts of Lancashire. In addition, almost 2,000 have completed an online survey through the commissioner's website and Facebook page.

Mr Grunshaw explained: "Year on year we are seeing the government go back on their word about not cutting police budgets. Last year it was £1million lower and next year they are planning a £2.5m reduction.

"While most of the money to pay for the police comes from central government grants, around a quarter comes from council tax which goes straight to policing in our county. I have promised to listen to the people of Lancashire when making decisions and every year I consult residents before setting the council tax precept.

"Even as the government has reduced our funding, residents have generously supported an increase of at least 2% for the last three years and I have honoured their wishes.

"While I appreciate people have many financial pressures, a small increase of around 6p per week (for a band D household) will actually raise £1.4m and will help safeguard the equivalent of 26 police officers next year."

PCC Clive Grunshaw

The commissioner said that despite government announcing the police budget nationally had been frozen for the next few years, Lancashire was still facing a proposed reduction of £2.5m in the grant it receives from central government this year and would need to increase its share of the council tax to avoid further cuts.

He said: "Lancashire Constabulary have worked really hard to find the £76m a year savings we've needed since 2010. Sadly, these savings have led to the loss of around 850 officers and 450 police staff but we still have around £16m a year more to find by 2020.

"An increase in council tax of around 2% will maintain a number of roles that otherwise may have to be lost.

"I'm keen to make sure as many people as possible have their say and have set up phone surveys conducted by trained researchers as well as promoting my online questionnaire over Christmas on social media. However I realise not everyone has access to these accounts and I wanted to ensure we get representation from people who are not online."

Former mayor's pledge on dementia awareness

A FORMER Mayor of West Lancashire has pledged to continue to raise awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding dementia.

Following a successful year of fundraising during her year of office, Councillor Nikki Hennessy has continued her support for the Alzheimer's Society.

In December the society held a tea dance at The Civic in Ormskirk to help raise awareness and understanding of the issues surrounding the condition.

The event followed on from the success of a previous tea dance in May 2016 during Dementia Awareness Week. Both were made possible as result of the £5,000 funds raised by Cllr. Hennessy through her mayoral activities.

Cllr. Hennessy said: "How we manage dementia is one of the biggest health issues we face in the UK so I'm delighted to be able to promote the work of Alzheimer's Society in West Lancs.

"The tea dances we have held have been a great way to engage with people and a lot of fun for everyone who has attended them.

"There are plans to hold another this year and I would encourage everyone to come along and support events like these.

"We need to do more to make everyone aware of how they can support people with dementia in our communities.

"The West Lancashire Dementia Action Alliance was also launched in December and will help to put a spotlight on those living with dementia across the borough."

Councillor Nikki Hennessy

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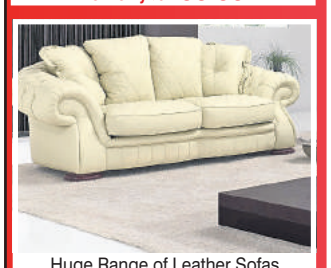

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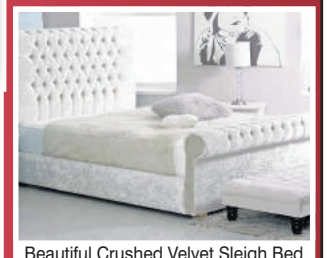

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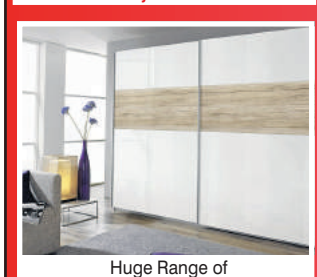

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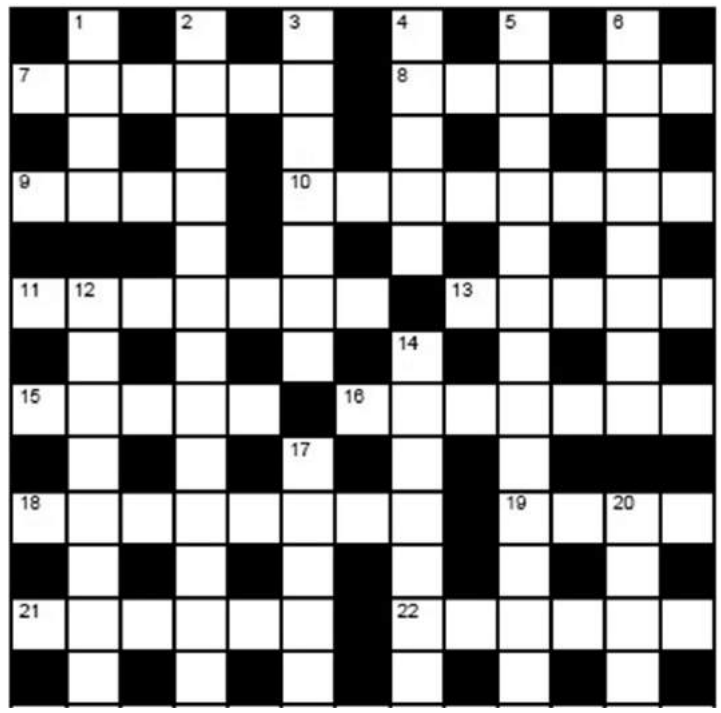

ACROSS

7. Informal term for a silly person (6)
8. Front to front (4-2)
9. Seep (4)
10. Point out (8)
11. Lens with separate parts for near and far vision (7)
13. Visible fumes from a burning substance (5)
15. Spiny-finned freshwater fish (5)
16. Bitter crystalline compound found in cinchona bark used as a tonic (7)
18. Frivolous, offhand (8)
19. Fifth book of the New Testament (4)
21. Go up, climb (6)
22. Peninsula in SW Europe largely comprising Spain and Portugal (6)

DOWN

1. Light-coloured dry sherry (4)
2. Person who owns the property they live in (6-7)
3. Relating to moral principles (7)
4. Of dubious honesty or legality (5)
5. Surrounding land from which rainfall flows into a river, lake, or reservoir (9, 4)
6. Morocco leather is usually made from this (8)
12. Wishful thinker (8)
14. Strengthen or support physically or mentally (7)
17. Bow-legged (5)
20. Hard work (4)

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Baccalaureate. 8 Straw man. 9 Hoot. 10 Sloe gin. 12 Snail. 14 Scald. 16 October. 19 Prig. 20 Cocktail. 22 Stiff upper lip.

Down: 1 Mast. 2 Octave. 3 Old maid. 4 Sunni. 5 Peahen. 6 At no time. 11 Lacerate. 13 Ice caps. 15 Log off. 17 Outcry. 18 Occur. 21 Ibis.

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Union chiefs threaten strike action over plans to introduce driver-only trains

Report by **Henry James**

RAIL union RMT has given Merseyrail until Thursday, January 26 to give "cast-iron" assurances that guards will be kept on their trains or face dispute.

From the end of 2020, the train operator plans to bring in a fleet of 52 driver-only-operated (DOO) trains at a cost of £460m.

But union chiefs are angered by the move and said the operator 'can't afford to run safe trains with guards, so it intends to run unsafe ones.'

Merseyrail has said this new type of train is safe and points out that between 60 and 70 per cent of rail passenger journeys in the UK use this system. They added that new customer service roles would be based in the train saloon and that no guards would be forced to leave the company.

RMT has written to Merseyrail following the recent announcement that new rolling stock to be procured for the network would be configured for DOO operation, and that guards would be removed from all Merseyrail services.

The union's general secretary, Mick Cash, said: "RMT's position on Driver Only Operation is perfectly clear. We will not agree to any extensions of DOO and will fight to retain the safety critical role of the guard and to keep a guard on the train.

'Disappointed'

"RMT has asked Merseyrail on numerous occasions for assurances that any new trains will have a second safety critical crew member on board and that the guard will be retained on all services.

"To date, the company has failed to provide the union with these assurances

"If Scotrail, which is run by Abellio, the same franchisee that operates Merseyrail, can introduce new trains with guards, then so can Merseyrail.

"And if Stadler, which is building the Merseyrail trains, can build conventionally operated trains for the Greater Anglia franchise, which is also run by Abellio, then it can build them for Merseyrail.

"I have written to Merseyrail and informed them that if we haven't received assurances over the safety critical role of the guard by January 26 then we will be in dispute with the company."

A spokesman for Merseyrail commented: "Merseyrail is surprised and disappointed that the RMT has threatened a dispute with the company, when there have been no substantive face-to-face discussions between the two organisations on the question of DOO (driver only operations) since the democratically-elected politicians of Liverpool city region authorised the purchase of new trains last month.

"The Liverpool city region needs and deserves new trains, which will be modern, safe, faster and comfortable, with more capacity to support the economic growth of a modern city region.

... but Merseyrail says no guards will be forced to leave

"The new trains will be safer than the ones they replace – and there will still be staff on board focusing on customer duties.

"The new trains are affordable, will be in public ownership, and Merseyrail will make no additional profit from them.

"None of today's permanent guards or guard managers will be forced to leave Merseyrail's employment."

One of the proposed new trains

Chance to learn how oil and gas industry is regulated

MEMBERS of the public are invited to attend an informal information session on Wednesday, February 1 outlining how the oil and gas industry is regulated.

Representatives of the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, the Oil and Gas Authority, Public Health England and Lancashire County Council will be present at the event at Wrea Green Institute, Station Road, Wrea Green.

It will run from 2 to 7pm and will also seek to explain how the environment and people's health are protected.

A spokesman for the Environment Agency said: "This session will be a great opportunity for us to meet with local people, explain our respective roles and discuss some of the key issues before sites are identified for development."

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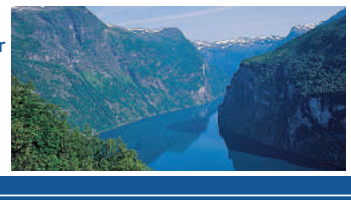

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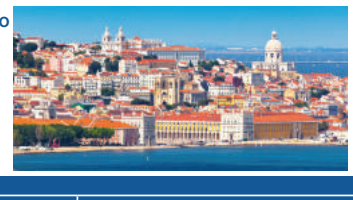

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Ambulance service recognised for 'Outstanding Contribution'

NHS teams from across the North of England have named North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust (NWAS) as 'The Trust We Learned the Most From' after an eight-week Action on A&E project organised by NHS Improvement.

An Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to the trust at an event in Leeds when more than 200 health service representatives met to mark the end of Phase One of the project which is aimed at tackling issues and improving emergency department care across the north.

Leaders from NWAS, including chief executive, Derek Cartwright, contributed to the project across the eight weeks by presenting to NHS colleagues.

In Mr Cartwright's presentation he spoke about how the trust works together with partners to provide additional care to patients through numerous schemes which also aim to relieve pressure on emergency departments.

This includes a dedicated falls car for the team which helps identify and care for patients who need extra support around the home to help them get around more easily.

Service delivery manager, David Rigby, said: "We received some great feedback from colleagues throughout the project who were impressed with the amount of involvement NWAS has in working to relieve emergency departments and provide care for patients closer to home.

"It was an honour to be voted as 'The Trust we Learned the Most From' as there were some fantastic contributions from other trusts and it's great to know that they could take away something useful from us as we did from them."

David Radcliffe, medical director for NWAS, presented at the closing event in Leeds and spoke about how the trust's 111 and 999 services work to reduce hospital admissions whilst dealing with a 10 per cent increase in serious or life-threatening incidents in 2016 compared to the previous year.

The trust has various schemes, including Hear and Treat and the Acute Visiting Scheme, which aim to refer people to the most appropriate care where possible, reducing the pressure on A&E departments.

Phase two of the Action on A&E scheme will be launched in the coming months.

The North West Ambulance Service's award for Outstanding Contribution

Childbirth trust to host workshop for mums-to-be

THE Southport, Formby and Ormskirk branch of the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) has teamed up with Renewed You Yoga to host a pregnancy workshop on Sunday, January 22.

This will be held at Argyle Tennis Club, Argyle Road, Southport from 10.30am to 1pm and will include an introduction to the local NCT branch and a pregnancy yoga taster class.

The session will end with refreshments and an opportunity to have a chat and socialise with the other mums-to-be.

Places are limited and cost £10 (pre-paid). To book or for more details contact Liz at LGYogaSouthport@gmail.com.

Right-to-die case raises important legal issues, says local solicitor

A WEST Lancashire solicitor believes a decision to withdraw life-sustaining treatment from a police officer and Gulf War veteran has raised important legal issues.

Michael Prendergast, from Ormskirk-based Dickinson Parker Hill, was speaking following the recent case of Paul Briggs.

The 43-year-old was involved in a serious motorcycle accident in July 2015 while working as a police officer in Merseyside resulting in a severe brain injury.

Since then, Mr Briggs, who has a five-year-old daughter with wife Lindsey, had been in a minimally conscious state in hospital for 17 months.

His family brought proceedings in the Court of Protection calling for the medical treatment he is receiving to be withdrawn as they believed that Mr Briggs would not have wanted to continue receiving treatment in his current condition.

Unfortunately, Mr Briggs had not put in place any form of advance directive regarding medical treatment or put in place a Lasting Power of Attorney in relation to his health and welfare.

Mr Justice Charles, hearing the case at the Court of Protection, ruled in favour of the family stating that it would not be in Mr Brigg's best interests for his medical treatment to continue and, therefore, it should be withdrawn with palliative care put in place.

Michael Prendergast

However, the Official Solicitor, acting on behalf of Mr Briggs, has sought leave to appeal the decision.

Michael Prendergast said: "The unfortunate and difficult circumstances of this case highlight the importance of discussing your wishes regarding life-sustaining treatment with your family and, more importantly, the need to put in place Lasting Powers of Attorney so that if the worst happens your family have the authority to make these types of difficult decisions on your behalf."

Most people in England and Wales do not have Lasting Powers of Attorney in place and think that they only apply to elderly people.

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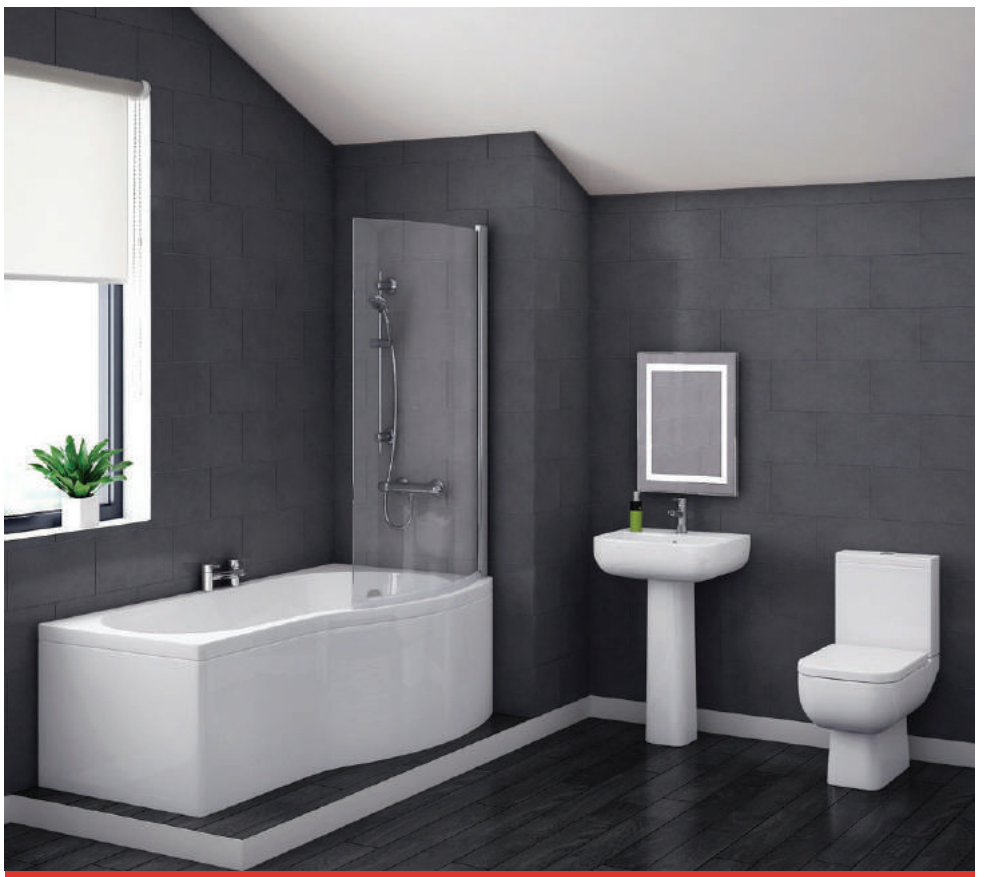

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Club's next play is comedy thriller

SOUTHPORT Dramatic Club's first offering of 2017 is Theft, a comedy thriller by Eric Chappell, author of TV's Rising Damp.

A couple return home to find a stranger in their flat who seems to know a lot about them. The play is directed by Mike Yates and starring Ted Bullen, Les Gomersall, Philippa Hipwell, Peter Hoyle and Sandra Unsworth.

Theft originally toured the country with George Cole in the leading role. The play runs from Friday, January 27 to Saturday, February 4 at the Little Theatre.

For tickets call 01704 530521.

Theft in rehearsal

Take a magic carpet ride with West End Players

THIS year's pantomime by The West End Players is Aladdin with Stevie Aubrey in the title role (pictured) and Yasmin Billingsley as Princess Jasmine (pictured) and John Husdell as Widow Twanky plus a large cast of children.

It will take place at Lord St West Church Hall.

There are just six performances in all, at 7.30pm on Friday, January 27, Saturday, January 28, Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. With matinees at 2.15pm on both Saturdays.

Singer to make debut in theatre

Performer making a name for himself in Ireland

LIVERPOOL-BORN country performer Nathan Carter makes his Southport Theatre debut as part of his Wanna Dance tour, on Sunday, February 5 at 7.30pm.

Nathan and his six-man band perform a variety of country, Irish, pop and ballads – music to suit all ages – with a bit of hand-clapping, foot-tapping hooley as well.

Nathan Carter is one of the most successful live acts across the Irish music scene and is fast becoming a household name, with his performances of heartfelt, upbeat and infectious pop ballads, with a crowd favourite being the hit song Wagon Wheel, taken from his 2012 album of the same name, which charted at number three in the Irish Album Chart.

In 2016, his latest album Stayin Up All Night, climbed the Irish Album Charts straight to number 1, beating artists like Beyoncé and Drake.

Growing up in a house where Country and Western music filled the air, Nathan was exposed to classic songs of Johnny Cash, Don Williams and Dolly Parton.

From the tender age of four years old, he not only learned to play guitar, piano and accordion, which plays a vital part in his live show, but quickly became head chorister in the Liverpool Boys choir where he toured the world and even performed in front of the Pope in Rome.

Following the success of his Christmas TV show in 2015, Nathan recorded his own TV series for RTE last summer and the second Nathan Carter Christmas Show aired on RTE 1 on December 28 2016.

For more information go to www.atgtickets.com/southport

Nathan Carter

Panto was 'another success' for group

Review by **Ron Ellis**

Sleeping Beauty
All Souls Dramatic Club
The Atkinson, Southport

AS brilliant a pantomime as I have seen since All Souls did Peter Pan last year and I have seen quite a few pantomimes over the last 12 months, some mediocre and none as good as this.

Scriptwriter and director Cliff Gillies, bearing a strange resemblance to Dolly Parton in his platinum blond wig, once again stole the show as Dame Dixie without hogging the limelight and achieving an immediate rapport with the audience. His interplay with the other characters kept the show moving at a fast pace and there were lots of topical and local references in the script to engage the audience plus lots of quick-fire double entendre gags that had both children and adults laughing for different reasons.

With no less than 21 popular songs, all of which were faithfully listed in the programme, this was almost a musical in itself but, crucially, we never lost sight of the fact that it was a pantomime. Thus the story of Sleeping Beauty was faithfully told right to the end with an impressive 'slaying the dragon' scene that had all the children shouting encouragement, followed by the Wedding with the full cast onstage for a rousing finale to the music of the classic Solomon Burke song, later made famous by The Blues Brothers, Everybody Needs Somebody.

Olivia Hughes made a most impressive early start to her stage career as tiny Baby Aurora, who turned into Robyn-May Wright as the child Aurora until finally becoming Sleeping Beauty, Chloe Hughes, who woke up from her sleep to marry Prince Michael (Helen Gillies).

The mayor of Sefton, Cllr Ian Brodie-Brown, with members of the cast. Picture by Ron Ellis

Katie Watkinson, Lucy Brindle and Jen Johnson were the good Fairies. Hayley Murray played the menacing Fairy Maleficent with Mickey Stewart and Vicky Newcombe as her sidekicks, Lance and Boyle.

Peter Roney and Sue Kershaw were the King and Queen Syse with John Hardiker as King Watt (What? Yes, Watt). Christine Swash made a lively Jack; Tracey Holmes-Smith was Viceroy and Neil Woods played the hapless Turner.

Technically, the film, video and light effects were of a truly professional standard with all the marks of a West End production with a sound system that would have filled the Echo Arena. And the idea of introducing the actors on screen at the start was an inspired one.

A great troupe of dancers in an ever-changing and dazzling array of costumes was joined by children from Dance Flava showing what promising talent there is among the young people.

Another great success for All Souls, keeping up their proud tradition.

Star rating: 9 out of 10. Everything a panto should be.

Cliff Gillies, as Dame Dixie, with the president of the All Souls Dramatic Club, Lord Ronnie Fearn, who himself played the role of Dame in the club's pantomimes for many years. Picture by Ron Ellis

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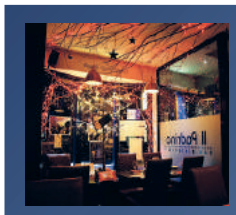

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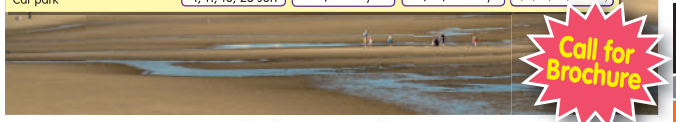

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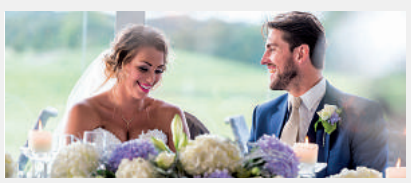

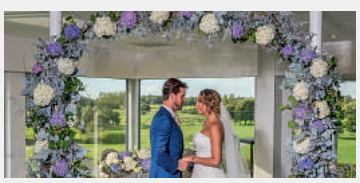

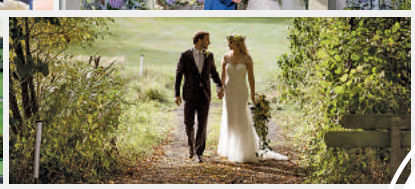

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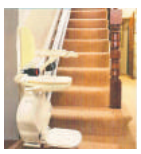
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DEATHS

JENKINSON ROY
On 11th January 2017
Peacefully at home
Aged 83 years.
Loving Husband of the late Anne, devoted Dad of Roy, dear Father in law of Kim, cherished Grandad of Hollie, Ross and Morgan. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 20th January at 4.00pm. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

LLOYD JOYCE WINIFRED
9th January 2017
Passed away peacefully, aged 90 years of Ormskirk, formerly of Maghull and the Wirral.
Dearly loved Sister of Brenda, loved and missed by all her family and friends. Committal to take place at West Lancs Crematorium on Tuesday 24th January at 10.45am followed by Thanksgiving Service at Cottage Lane Mission at 11.30am. Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for the Alzheimer's Society. Enquiries please contact Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Tele: 01695 424888.

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DEATHS

LYON MARIAN
Peacefully at home
sorrounded by her family
AGED 83
Much loved Mum of Thomas, Kenneth, Suzanne, Julie and Les.
Loving Nan to her Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.
Loving Mother-in-law, Sister and Aunty.Will be sadly missed by all her Family and Friends.
Funeral service at St Thomas the Martyr,Upholland at 1.30pm on January 23rd.Enquiries please to W.Banks Funeral Srevice,Sefton Villa,Sefton Road,Orrell.WN5 8UP. 01695 622272

THOROUGOOD (nee Hornsby) CHRISTINE (Chris)
1st January 2017
Aged 73 years
Peacefully in hospital after a short illness
Dearly loved wife of the late Ian and beloved sister of Brian and Kenneth (deceased). Will be sadly missed by all her family and her many, many friends. Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 26th January 2017 at 10am. No flowers please. Donations are being gratefully received in memory of Chris for Queenscourt Hospice, Southport. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU. Tel 01704 897770

TINSLEY JOSEPH CROSBY
6th January 2017
Aged 81 years, peacefully in Southport Hospital
The dearly loved Husband of Sue, much loved Dad of Della and Stephen, and Brother to Joan, dear Father-in-law to Gideon and Kate, Brother in law to Colin and devoted Grandad to Lola, Dexter and James. Joe will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough - Thursday 19th January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please by request donations to Southport Dialysis Unit and Kidney Research UK. All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors. Tel: 01695 572997.

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ALAN
"ALPO"
19th January 2010

Its been seven years since you left us, but not a day goes by without thinking about you and all the good memories we shared. Love and miss you.
Mum, Dad & Liam.
xxx

QUINN
JOHN GEORGE
MARSTON
25/08/1945
18/01/2016
Aged 70 years

1 Year on John and our hearts are still broken.
You were one of a kind and your spirit lives on in all of us.
We will love and miss you always.
Your loving Wife and Best Friend Teresa.
X X
John, Joanne, Lewis, Leon, Luca.
Michael.
Family & friends
X X

BARTON
NIGEL
January 16th 2014
We will always love and remember you,
Life will never be the same.
Love Mum and Dad
xx

BIRCH
BARRY
(BAZ)
18th January 2004
Aged 40 Years

Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
We who dearly loved you,
Are thinking of you today.

Love Mum & Dad
xxx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

LEIGH
TREVOR

Hettie and family would like to thank minister Tony O'Neile for the lovely service and all relatives, friends and neighbours 'nifty 50s' for their kindness shown to us together with letters, condolence cards and donations to Dementia UK. Thank you also to Howard's Funeral Directors for their dignified manner in helping us every step of the way.

JENNINGS
JOAN

Billy and the family would like to express their sincere gratitude for the kind wishes, thoughts, cards and flowers at this time.
Special thanks to the neighbours, Tracy Cook at the NHS Community Matron Service, all at the Elms Surgery and Deacon Mac.
Finally thanks to Lisa and all at MLS for their professionalism and support.

PRAYERS

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

MD

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0003
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - CHANGE OF USE FROM COMPOSTING STORAGE TO GREEN WASTE COMPOSTING WITHIN EXISTING OPERATIONAL AREA AT SIMONSWOOD MOSS, NORTH PERIMETER ROAD, KNOWSLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK, KIRKBY

I give notice that White Moss Horticulture is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.
The proposed development does not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area.
Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 8 February 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk
Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 8 February 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.
Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page
Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment on Behalf of Lancashire County Council Date: 18 January 2017

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2016/1318/FUL Development of 2 No. Class B1 office buildings with associated car park, landscaping and boundary treatment at Land North Of Junction With Liverpool Road South, Pippin Street, Burscough.
Application No: 2016/1319/FUL Erection of three detached dwelling houses including two detached garages at Land To The Rear Of 29, The Gravel, Mere Brow, Tarleton.
The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 18th January 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT931

West Lancashire Borough Council
Village Shop Rate Relief Scheme
[Local Government and Rating Act 1997]

Under the provisions of the above Act the Council has produced an updated draft Rural Settlement List (the List) which identifies any rural settlement which is wholly or partly within the designated rural area (as specified by the Secretary of State).
The List is available for public inspection, free of charge at the Offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk until, **31/03/2018 on Mondays to Thursdays from 9.00am to 5.00pm, Fridays from 9.00am to 4.45pm**
The List will take effect from 1/4/2017
Any qualifying Post Office, General Store, Food Store, Public House or Petrol Filling Station situated within a rural settlement as identified on the List, may be entitled to either Mandatory or Discretionary rate relief under this scheme. For application forms for rate relief, general information and advice please contact the Business Rates Team at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council.
Dated: 18th January 2017

Kim Webber B.Sc., M.Sc.,
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(DICCONSONS LANE, HALSALL, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, or cyclist to proceed over that length of Dicconsons Lane, from a point outside property number 5 Dicconsons Lane to a point outside Blundell House Water Treatment Works in the borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0900 hours on Monday 30th January 2017 until 1700 hours on Friday 3rd February 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Dicconsons Lane – Halsall Lane – Narrow Lane – Summerwood Lane – A5147 New Street – A5147 Mill Brow – A5147 Southport Road – A5147 Wanishar Lane – A5147 Delf Lane – B5195 Broad Lane – Bye Lane and vice versa
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable new water main construction works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT17/08/5918/ARH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MARTIN LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, or cyclist to proceed over that length of Martin Lane, Burscough for a distance of 10 metres either side of the Martin Lane Level Crossing in the borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 2300 hours on Saturday 21st January 2017 until 0600 hours on Friday 27th January 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. No alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is available Access for emergency services will be maintained for the duration of the closure
The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable essential level crossing works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT17/08/6070/ARH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(HOSCAR MOSS ROAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.
1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle, cycle or pedestrian, to proceed over that length of Hoscar Moss Road, for a distance of 20 metres either side of the Hoscar Level Crossing, Lathom in the borough of West Lancashire.
2. The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 24th January 2017 or, until completion of the works within this period.
3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: Hoscar Moss Road – Wanes Blade Road – Mains Lane, Bispham – B5246 Hall Lane, Bispham – Robin Lane, Wrightington – B5246 Chorley Road, Wrightington – B5246 Lancaster Lane, Parbold – A5209 Alder Lane, Parbold – A5209 Ash Brow, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – A5209 Course Lane – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane – A5209 Briars Lane – Ring O Bells Lane – Hoscar Moss Road and vice versa..

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow essential level crossing maintenance works to be carried out.
Authority given for this Order to be made: Michael White, Network Regulation Manager, Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701 [Ref: HRiT17/08/6327/ARH]

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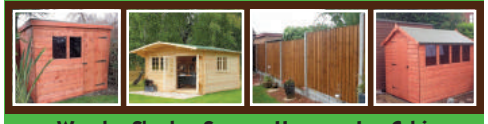

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Volkswagen set to revive the camper

No prizes for guessing where VW got the idea for its latest car from

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VOLKSWAGEN needs a bit of New Year cheer right now. In the States one of its high flyers has been hauled in by the FBI on fraud charges, here a group of disgruntled owners are drumming a lawsuit in the wake of the diesel emissions scandal, and back in Germany it's planning to cut 23,000 jobs.

So the obvious solution is to reinvent one of the slowest and sloppiest-handling vehicles I've ever driven.

That'd be you, Volkswagen camper van. A couple of summers ago a colleague and I borrowed one of these loveable old buses – a 1980 T2, if you're interested – for a couple of days on the Isle of Wight and it was terrible to drive. The water-cooled flat four struggled to haul two burly blokes and an indecent amount of crockery up the island's hillier roads, the brakes coming down the other side were heart-stopping (but usually not vehicle-stopping) and selecting gear was like stirring a very long stick in a cauldron full of metallic soup.

But dismissing the old hippy wagon because it doesn't handle brilliantly is missing the point entirely. The Volkswagen camper – and its van, pick-up and microbus cousins – has a nostalgic pull quite unlike any other vehicle on the road. It is the feel-good factor of a seaside holiday embodied in four-wheeled form, which is why Volkswagen's reinvented it. Again.

But this is not like the disbanded Microbus project from 17 years ago or the Space Up concept car from the heady days of 2009. This new one, called the ID Buzz, could pull off an automotive first if VW is serious about putting into production. It will be the first electric car absolutely everyone will want.

It is an eco-friendly eight-seater people carrier in the same way the Fiat 500 is a Panda with a more cramped interior or Lea Seydoux is a human with lungs and nostrils. Looks are everything, and this looks like a slick reinvention of the classic Volkswagen camper van. Replace the back seats with a folding bed and a hob and it might as well be 1969 again – albeit without the petrol fumes.

I really hope the ID Buzz isn't just a quick distraction from all those lawsuits, job cuts and emissions scandals. It's a new car that genuinely will make other people smile – and the world needs plenty of those right now.

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Optional Final Payment	£4,038
Interest Charges	£1,033.50
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Customer Deposit	£165
Amount of Credit	£11,335
45 Monthly Payments	£165.24
Optional Final Payment	£4,750
Interest Charges	£1,181.28
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APR	4.6%

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Minimum Part Exchange	£500
Customer Deposit	£169
Amount of Credit	£11,274.46
47 Monthly Payments	£169.98
Optional Final Payment	£4,440
Interest Charges	£1,154.60
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APR	3.7%

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Deposit Allowance	£2,000
Minimum Part Exchange	£500
Customer Deposit	£399
Amount of Credit	£14,004.94
47 Monthly Payments	£199.98
Optional Final Payment	£6,080
Interest Charges	£1,474.12
Total Amount Payable	£18,378.06
APR	3.7%

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Cash Price	£11,887.01
Deposit Allowance	£1,800
Minimum Part Exchange	£500
Customer Deposit	£139
Amount of Credit	£9,448.01
45 Monthly Payments	£139
Optional Final Payment	£3,895
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Interest Charges..... 0%
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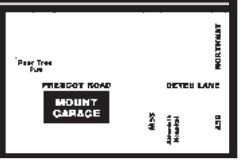

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Tough times but young gems found

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

IT has been a difficult month for Skelmersdale United manager Tommy Lawson, with home games against the three favourites to lift the title.

This was made tougher due to a youthful squad and the fixtures have come as a baptism of fire for many of them.

However, one or two gems are emerging from the teenagers who in many cases have been thrown in at the deep end.

Lawson certainly has found a goalkeeper with a future in Chris Cheetham.

Up front he has Harry Blackburn, a youngster on loan from Accrington Stanley, who has pace to burn as demonstrated when he terrorised Frickley last week.

In midfield, Michael Vaughan-Muscat is another as is former Liverpool and Swansea youth Jack Watts the hat-trick scorer at Marine over Christmas.

Home games against Stourbridge, Blyth Spartans (last night) and Spennymoor on January 28 are daunting encounters but Saturday brings some relative relief with a trip to Warrington Town.

Warrington are in a transition period themselves under a new managerial partnership of ex-Southport boss Paul Carden and formerBurscough manager Mark Beesley.

Skelmersdale will also be boosted by the return of Kenny Strickland after a three game suspension.

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Skelmersdale left reeling after conceding four goals in first half

Skelmersdale United 0
Stourbridge 4

SKELMERSDALE remain bottom of the table and without a win since November after conceding four goals in the first half.

A physically strong Stourbridge soon started to impose themselves on the youthful Skem side and on 22 minutes they bagged their first goal.

Picking the ball up in centre-circle, left-back Kristian Green carried the ball forwards and after creating himself a shooting angle some 25 yards from goal, unleashed a cannonball right-footer that thundered into the top corner.

The away side doubled their lead from a corner. The ball was headed down to Luke Benbow, who controlled with his chest before finishing with a bicycle kick.

A top class finish, but Skelmersdale believe the corner should have been given as a goalkick.

Two quick fire goals on 34 and 37 minutes made it 4-0 and killed off the game.

First, defender Dylan Smith diverted a low driven right-wing cross inside his near-post for an own goal.

It was 4-0 after a good run down the right by Benbow, who crossed for Chris Lait to head home from close range.

Skelmersdale's Pete Wylie tackles a Stourbridge player. Picture by John Driscoll

The second half saw Stourbridge pressing but their efforts were limited to outside the area.

Dean Shacklock saw a good effort saved by the visitors' goalkeeper Matthew Gould with a full length dive in the latter stages, but Skelmersdale could have no complaints about the result.

Skelmersdale were scheduled to host Blyth Spartans last night (Tuesday, January 17) before travelling to Warrington Town on Saturday.

Last minute goal seals dramatic win for Linnets

Burscough 2
Brighouse 1

A LAST minute goal gave Burscough a dramatic win to keep alive their hopes of avoiding relegation.

An injury time strike from Elliot Nevitt gave the Linnets a priceless three points and ensured they won back to back league games for the first time this season.

Keith McCann and his team were looking to build on the impressive performance in their last home game against Scarborough.

It was end to end from the word go and Burscough with the first chance when Alex Parkes who had already impressed early on with some quality first touches and close control, drilled the ball from outside the 18-yard-box only for Brighouse 'keeper Tom Taylor to produce an equally impressive save.

Minutes later it was 1-0. After conceding a corner Burscough hit Brighouse on the counter, with Mauoke Akaunu dribbling the ball down the right flank taking on two defenders, he worked the ball to Elliot Nevitt.

The striker's shot was saved by Taylor but the ball fell to another Burscough shirt. Brighouse managed to get back in numbers and a succession of shots were blocked before Callum Mahoney found some space and he made no mistake striking the ball low and hard to the 'keepers left hand side.

The lead didn't last long and Brighouse were level on 12 minutes when Thomas Dugdale fashioned a delightful chip from a right angle.

Callum Mahoney strikes to open the scoring for Burscough.

The earlier end to end pattern of the game continued as Burscough very nearly made in 2-1 but were again denied by Tom Taylor.

In the second half and Burscough again had another great chance to go in front.

Alex Parkes found himself in space on the edge of the box and struck a ferocious shot which looked to be heading for the back of the net, only for Taylor once again to produce an equally impressive save.

Both Burscough and Brighouse were not happy to settle for a point, which in turn created an entertaining game.

Brighouse looked like that had nicked the points when a corner flew towards the edge of the Burscough box, the ball was headed on to a Brighouse shirt and back heeled onto the bar.

In one last search for a winner Burscough won a corner. Mahoney took the short option and managed to work in a cross but it was cleared straight to Elliot Nevitt.

The forward took a touch before a precision strike, through the defender's legs and left Taylor no chance and sent the home crowd and bench into euphoria.

The referee blew his whistle moments later.

Next up for Burscough is an away trip to mid-table Droylsden on Saturday.

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